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1. Reports received [redacted] in Paris indicate that a thorough purge of the Communist Party of Albania may be expected in the very near future.

2. This purge is expected to result in the elimination of persons accused by the Albanian Government of supporting Marshal Tito in his present dispute with the Cominform.

3. The Albanian Government, according to the [redacted] report, has already uncovered a "conspiracy" directed against Colonel General Enver Hoxha on the part of the Albanian Minister of the Interior, Lieutenant General Koci Xoxe, and numerous arrests and executions have already taken place. 25X1

25X1A [redacted] Comment: Press information from Albania reported that the former Albanian Public Security Minister, Koci Xoxe, having resigned suddenly, escaped to Yugoslavia. He was accompanied by many high officials of his Ministry. According to the same report, Xoxe escaped because of dissension with Hoxha, and the President of the Albanian Popular Republic, Nishani, which began when the Cominform disavowed Tito. Xoxe, being a personal friend of Tito, was opposed to adoption of the campaign inaugurated by the Cominform against Tito.)

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